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Executive Director, Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: FY 1984-1988 National Foreign Intelligence Program

REFERENCE: Letter from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, dtd 8 July 1982

1. I am forwarding to you a copy of a letter that I received from the Deputy Secretary of Defense following the recent FY 1984-1988 DoD Program Review. In it, he expresses the view that the Department will be unable to allocate more money to the NFIP than is presently contained in the FYDP. This equates approximately to the low fiscal guidance issued by the DDCI in February. (C)

2. The President's FY 1984 budget is going to be austere as the Administration continues its efforts to cope with large deficits. I will make every effort to assure the continuation of the rebuilding effort for intelligence begun in recent years, to which I believe the Administration is fully committed. However, the objectives of fiscal constraint and national security improvements are in conflict, and increases in program costs will create strong pressure to hold down government outlays. To meet overall Administration goals we must ensure that we consider trade-offs between the essential and merely desirable before seeking additional resources. Therefore, I urge you to review your proposed programs carefully between now and the Fall. (C)

3. I have asked the Intelligence Community Staff, in the course of their review of the budget forecasts, to provide whatever possible assistance they can in this difficult task. (U)

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Attachment:

As stated, Referenced Memo  
from DepSecDef

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